

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 21-35, 37-41 were pending and granted in the prior application. Claims 36 and 42-52 were presented in the prior application and withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. New claims 10-27 are hereby presented. Each claim defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Conclusion:

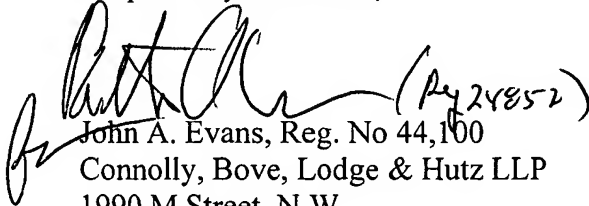
In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the newly-presented claims be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication, including any extension fees or fees for the net addition of claims, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

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